

Resolution #2023- 54
Clerk/Elections

Disposal of Election Records past the Retention dates

WHEREAS Idaho Code §34-217 requires the County Clerk to maintain certain Election Records for a specified time; and

WHEREAS a large quantity of Election Records have been maintained for a period of time longer than the specified time required by Idaho Code §34-217;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Bonner County authorize the Elections Office, under the supervision of the County Clerk, to dispose of the materials that are listed on the Memorandum.

DATED THIS 25 day of July, 2023

BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Steven Bradshaw, Chairman

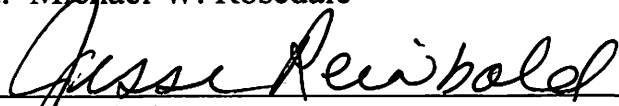


Asia Williams, Commissioner



Luke Omodt, Commissioner

Attest: Michael W. Rosedale

By: 

Deputy Clerk



Bonner County Clerk

Michael W. Rosedale

Clerk of the District Court
Ex-Officio Auditor & Recorder
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
Chief Elections Officer

July 13, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners
Re: Disposal of Election Records

Description: Disposal of Election Records in storage longer than the Idaho State Mandated Records Retention period as per Idaho Statute 34-217.

Discussion: **Idaho Code §34-217 Retention of county election records**, provides that:
“County election records shall be maintained by the county clerk for the time periods outlined in this section. Records shall be maintained for the period specified beginning with the date the record is created or has become no longer valid, whichever is greater.

- (1) The following records shall be retained for not less than five (5) years:
 - (a) Voter registration cards for electors whose registration has been terminated.
 - (b) Correspondence relating to an elector’s voter registration.
 - (c) Combination election record and poll book, including the ballot accounting page.
 - (d) Declaration of candidacy and petition of candidacy forms filed with the county clerk.
 - (e) Maps of precinct boundaries with legal descriptions.
 - (f) List of absentee voters; and
 - (g) County initiatives and petitions that qualify for placement on the ballot.
- (2) The following shall be retained for two (2) years:
 - (a) Completed absentee ballot request forms.
 - (b) Tally books.
 - (c) Voted Ballots.
 - (d) Any ballots that were required to be duplicated before being counted.
 - (e) Certified lists of candidates or declaration of candidacy forms from special districts used for ballot preparation; and

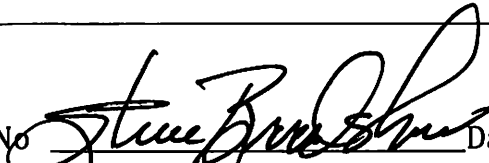
- (f) Certified ballot language from special districts for any question placed on the ballot.
- (3) The following shall be maintained for one (1) year:
 - (a) Absentee ballot affidavit envelopes.
 - (b) Notice of election.
 - (c) Personal identification affidavit.
 - (d) Ballot tracking logs.
 - (e) Automated tabulation election logs.
 - (f) Copy of the election definition and program used in tabulating ballots electronically and in the ballot marking device; and
 - (g) Record of the number of ballots printed and furnished to each polling place.
- (4) Other election supplies including, but not limited to, unused ballots, official election ballot identification or official ballot stamps, receipts for supplies and spoiled ballots may be disposed of sixty (60) days following the deadline for requesting a recount or filing an election contest pursuant to chapters 20 and 21, title 34, Idaho Code. (History: S.L. 2011, Ch. 285; S.L. 2012, Ch. 211; S.L. 2013, Ch. 285; S.L. 2018, Ch. 78)

Having maintained the records listed above for a period longer than required by the above statute, the Elections Office would like to dispose of the records listed by recycling as much of the paper as possible and disposing of the records that we are not able to recycle.

Distribution: 1 Original to BOCC Office
1 Copy to Clerk/Elections

A suggested motion would be: **Mr. Chairman based on the information before us I move to approve Resolution #2023-56 that allows the Elections Office to dispose of the election records listed above.**

Recommendation Acceptance: Yes No

 Date: 07-25-23
 Commissioner ~~Dan McDonald~~, Chairman
 Steve Bradshaw